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Commentary Article

Commemorating 9/11: State of human society can't be compromised with the injustice, crimes and terrorism

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Abstract

Today is 9/11. On this day, September 11, 2001, the Islamic State's allied force, Al-Qaeda Militant Command, carried out coordinated air attacks on several important places in the United States. They were fully successful in their attacks on the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York City. The 9/11 plane attacks became one of the most significant battles in the modern history of warfare. This attack was a deeply tragic event in the history of the United States of America. On the other hand, however, the 9/11 air attack is regarded in some perspectives as a glorious event in Islamic history, comparable to the celebrated battles of the Muslim-Christian crusades in the past, which are remembered as part of the golden era of Islamic religious mission. When President George W. Bush received information about the attack, he immediately addressed the situation. In the midst of America's shaken state,

*President Bush declared that those **who are not with us are with the terrorists**. The 9/11 attacks were a one way short but deadly battle that caused mass casualties, widespread destruction, and global consequences. The Islamic forces had a foolproof plan, believing they would succeed and initiate an Islamic mission in America—envisioning a nation in ruins, overcome by darkness, ignorance, and barbarism. In response, the United States declared a global military campaign, known as the **Global War on Terrorism**, and launched several armed missions. After many years of war, terrorism was ultimately weakened, and the forces of injustice lost their war game. In the aftermath of 9/11, America's response was not limited to armed campaigns alone. The true lesson of 9/11 is that American society does not succumb to the injustice of crime and terrorism. The state of humanity cannot be compromised by injustice, crimes, or acts of terror.*

Keywords

9/11; 11 September 2001; World Trade Center Towers Attack.

Introduction

Today, we solemnly observe the 24th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks—an event that forever altered the course of history. On that fateful day, 19 members of the extremist militant group al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airliners, who were allied with elements claiming affiliation with the so-called Islamic State, they operated a meticulously coordinated series of attacks across the United States:

American Airlines Flight 11: Attacked into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City at 8:46 AM.

United Airlines Flight 175: Attacked the South Tower at 9:03 AM.

American Airlines Flight 77: Hit the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, at 9:37 AM.

United Airlines Flight 93: Crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at 10:03 AM after passengers attempted to overcome the hijackers.

Discussion

9/11 attacks resulted in the deaths of 2,977 victims, including 246 on the four planes, 2,606 in the World Trade Center and surrounding areas, and 125 at the Pentagon. Among the fallen were 343 firefighters and 71 law enforcement officers, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The immediate economic impact was profound, with initial losses estimated between \$33 billion and \$36 billion, encompassing property damage, lost earnings, and cleanup costs. The broader economic repercussions, including disruptions to global markets and industries, were felt worldwide.

In the face of this unprecedented tragedy, the American response was swift and resolute. President George W. Bush addressed the nation, stating:

"Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

This sentiment was echoed by leaders across the political spectrum:

Senator John McCain: Emphasized the nation's unity and determination in the face of adversity.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi: Highlighted the importance of justice and the commitment to supporting the victims and their families.

Mayor Rudy Giuliani: Demonstrated exemplary leadership during the crisis, vowing that New York City would rebuild stronger than before .

In the aftermath, the United States initiated the ***Global War on Terror***, launching military operations aimed at dismantling terrorist networks:

Operation Enduring Freedom (2001–2014): Targeted al-Qaeda and Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003–2011): Sought to eliminate weapons of mass destruction and combat terrorism in Iraq.

Operation Inherent Resolve (2014–2021): Focused on defeating ISIS in Iraq and Syria, leading to significant territorial losses for the group .

These operations, while costly, demonstrated the nation's commitment to combating terrorism and upholding global security.

Beyond military action, the attacks prompted a reevaluation of national security policies, leading to the establishment of the ***Department of Homeland Security*** and the implementation of the ***Patriot Act***, aimed at enhancing domestic security measures.

The legacy of 9/11 extends beyond the immediate aftermath. It serves as a poignant reminder of the resilience of the American spirit and the enduring commitment to justice, freedom, and human dignity. As we reflect on this day, let us honor the memory of those lost and reaffirm our dedication to building a world where such acts of terror are never repeated.

Conclusion

9/11 teaches us that the strength of a society is measured not by the challenges it faces, but by how it responds to them. American society showed the world that even in the face of unspeakable tragedy, it would not yield to terror, injustice, or hatred. The values of humanity—justice, courage, and compassion—cannot be shattered by acts of violence. Instead, they endure, guiding us toward unity and resilience. As we remember the lives lost and honor the heroes who rose in the darkest hours, we are reminded that the spirit of humanity will always prevail over crime, terrorism, and injustice.

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